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## ABERHART IS RIGHT: 'OPPOSITION WEAK, INEFFECTIVE'

Premier Fully Justified in Holding Opposition in Contempt as "Weak and Ineffective" and Characterising Their Timid, Pin-Prick Mimic Attack as "Tempest in a Tea-Pot"—With an Opposition Devoid of Imagination, Unwilling to Recognize Openly Flaunted Fraud, and Lacking the Courage to Deal With it as Such, Aberhart Wins First Round By Default. . . .

## BUT THE FIGHT IS NOT YET OVER!

(As copy for The Rebel must be in the printer's hands about ten days before date of publication, what is said in the headlines above and the following article can of course apply to the situation only as at about Feb. 20. By the time this issue comes off the press, the entire picture may have changed. There may be men of courage among the opposition to fight for honor and justice in Alberta, and even those who failed so miserably during the first week of the session may accept the taunting challenge of Aberhart's denunciation of their "weakness and ineffectiveness." We hope so; and in that case, our apologies and congratulations are here offered in advance.)

Never in the three years of the present administration has the opposition shown itself so weak and ineffective. Premier Aberhart declared in the course of his three and a half year delayed "maiden speech" in the legislature on Feb. 17.

For two days during that same week we were a gallery visitor in the House and observed our legislators at work. And for once we are in absolute agreement with Mr. Aberhart. Never before have we seen such a pathetic spectacle of weakness and ineffectiveness on the part of men whose obligation it is to be strong and resolute. With a clearly defined case of public fraud before their very eyes, one of which they have full knowledge and an over-abundance of evidence, it is positively amazing with what apparently studied deliberation they either avoided dealing with it at all, or, when they did approach it, how timid and apologetic they were about discussing it. Mr. Aberhart's contempt for their attitude is fully justified, and unless the sting of his merited rebuke arouses them to positive action, they may well count their public careers at an inglorious end.

### GOVERNMENT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY

It is not that the government placed any obstacles in the way of the opposition in coming to grips with the issue raised by The Rebel—which is the immediate basic issue before the people of Alberta, the one issue that must be faced before any others can be faced effectively. On the contrary, a government supporter, J. H. Unwin, brought the matter up on the very first day of the session, thus providing the opposition with a perfect opportunity to at least discuss it. We quote from Mr. Unwin's address:

"In my opinion the Premier of this province is a very exceptional man; exceptional in that he has been slandered and persecuted by papers supported by the leaders of thought in this province of ours; supported by Mr. Griesbach (Maj.-General Griesbach), if I am not out of order in mentioning the same. Under oath he said, 'I support The Rebel.' The Rebel paper is consistently persecuting and further we have the so-called leaders of thought supporting a paper that persecutes the government of the day. But our Premier held his peace; he hasn't come back; he has let them go ahead. So I compare him to the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Neville Chamberlain."

Did any of the opposition mem-

bers have their wits about them sufficiently to, say, ask Unwin to provide a bit of proof for his silly assertion that we were "persecuting" Aberhart? That would have been a reasonable question. If they were not concerned with protecting their Premier against "persecution" by this vile publication, The Rebel, they might have shown some concern as to whether or not Unwin was slandering us. But, dear, no! Mustn't touch! Dynamite! So they sat back and "took it on the chin," by letting us take it on the chin.

On the following day, S. A. G. Barnes (Ind. S.C.), brought The Rebel into discussion again. Apologetically, yes; but he did provide another opportunity. Here are his words (not reported by the press):

"There is another matter, Mr. Speaker, I would like to mention here. The member for Edson (Unwin) referred yesterday to the paper called The Rebel. He didn't say very much in favor of it; I wouldn't think he would. I feel, Sir, that we should have an understanding in regard to that periodical by the government of this province, which is sent forth, according to the editor's own words, as a sincere expression of his own opinions; but, in my opinion, the subject-matter and the language of that paper is one which will not stand, would not stand, if it were in a court of law."

MR. UNWIN: "It will."

MR. BARNES: "I don't believe it. I would like to know if the attorney general of this province, who is the Premier, I would like to know if we, as members of this House, have to have such a periodical and not have some action taken whereby this publication can be stopped publishing what would be and is, if not true, libellous statements. I would like to know if we cannot have that matter cleared up."

Weak and vapid, indeed. Only a firecracker; but it probably would have frightened the devil out of Aberhart if some member of the opposition had taken it, lit the fuse and thrown it at him. Here was a chance to "make something of it." But not a peep out of anyone, apart from Unwin's "It will"—a clearly implied insult to the courts; and even that was allowed to go unchallenged.

On the next day, Feb. 15, Mr. Duggan, Conservative leader brought The Rebel into the picture. Again, however, it was an apology rather than a demand for action. In fact, Mr. Duggan stated that he brought the matter up with greater "repugnance" than he had ever raised any other matter in all his years in the legislature. With such an apology, which was in reality a condemnation of The Rebel, it was a foregone conclusion that the only effect upon Aberhart would be to arouse his contempt. We quote from Mr. Duggan's statement:

## The Back-Stabber

Aberhart "Takes it on the Chin" by Stabbing Opponents in the Back.

Sir W. Raleigh: Divines do rightly infer from the sixth commandment that scandalizing one's neighbor with false and malicious reports . . . is a degree of murder.

Cowper: The man that dares traduce because he can do so with safety to himself, is not a man.

If it be right that the wilful slanderer, he who vilifies another with "false and malicious reports," is guilty of a crime akin to murder, what should be said of the darker villain who resorts to the even more cowardly method of slander by innuendo—especially of one who has the object of his villainy at a disadvantage?

Such a despicable cur is Premier William Aberhart.

On various occasions during the past three years and more, Aberhart has sought to deliberately murder our character and reputation by wilful, premeditated slander; committed, however, in every instance, not by directly personal references, so that we could force him to answer in court, but by the far more cowardly method of innuendo and inference. At no time has he dared to face us openly with his filthy lies.

He has insinuated that we were making our broadcasts for "filthy lucre," the implication being that we were being paid; that we were a "person of low character who has only recently been naturalized." He has suggested that we are a liar, by stating that our charges against him are "foolish declarations, entirely false," but has never made specific denial of any one of them. A few weeks ago, in his Calgary pulpit, he had the indecency to pick on our "queer name" as an excuse for holding us up to public ridicule; with the obvious purpose of reflecting upon the standard of our citizenship and arousing racial prejudice against us. In his Calgary "service" of Feb. 18 he allowed his stooge, Cyril Hutchinson, to read from a letter the ridicule of which he must have known would attach to us.

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**ABERHART IS RIGHT—Continued.**

"On entering public life, no man can escape the possibility of attacks on his character. It is to be regretted that there appears to be a growing tendency of disrespect for men who are called upon to give leadership in the public affairs of our country. I conceive it to be the duty of every public man to exert every reasonable effort to protect the dignity of public office, especially the offices of the prime minister of Canada and the premiers of the various provinces. That dignity cannot be maintained if we allow the publication of statements which reflect on character to go unchallenged.

"I admit it is easier to ignore accusations than to adopt the necessary procedure to refute them. But this is more than a personal matter. The accusations are on the lips of hundreds of people in this province. Letters from citizens pour in to members demanding that action be taken. I call upon the premier of this province to defend the dignity and integrity of the high position which he has the honor to occupy.

We are not critical of Mr. Duggan for what he said. True, part of his little speech was just plain political fence-sitting. Most of it, however, was good, solid sense, and if it had been uttered under normal circumstances, addressed to a premier possessed of a normal sense of honor and decency, there would have been immediate action. But Mr. Duggan knows that the situation is not normal. He knows that under normal circumstances there would have been no occasion for making this little speech; and it is for failing to take the abnormality of the situation into account that we are critical of Mr. Duggan. He knows that to appeal to Premier Aberhart to defend the dignity and integrity of his office is to appeal to the very one who is the chief violator of the dignity and integrity of that office. Therefore, for him to unburden himself of this mild, apologetic speech in the solemn manner in which he spoke, without direct reference to specific allegations, without committing himself definitely one way or another, and without following it up with relentless insistence upon action, was simply to invite the contempt he received from Aberhart.

**FIGHT MUST BE CONTINUED**

Already it is being suggested to us that there is no use of keeping up the fight. We disagree absolutely. In the first place, while Aberhart undoubtedly won this first round with ease, the session is not yet over, and much can happen before it ends. We refuse to believe that opposition members will stay "down" from the one blow they have received, and we prefer to at least hope that Aberhart's derisive slap in the face will bring them to the realization that if they won't fight now, they are "sunk." The public should therefore get behind them with ever more insistence upon action, for action NOW—DURING THIS SESSION.

Should the opposition members fail to put up a decisive fight, the situation will be serious indeed. If Aberhart is allowed to get away with his bluff, he will have a tremendous psychological advantage, and he may be expected to exploit it to the full. However, as the danger increases, so must our courage rise to oppose it. If the M.L.A.'s will not compel Aberhart to face the music in the House, then the public must, more than ever before, rally to the support of those who are carrying the fight on outside of the House. This is YOUR fight.

**NOTICE**

Subscribers and correspondents are asked to exercise the greatest care in writing names and addresses, as otherwise complaints are bound to arise. Among our accumulated troubles we have such things as letters, with remittances but without name or address, or both; remittances of cash without letters, etc. Example: A Mr. Elliott of Calgary gave his address as so-and-so, but his paper has been returned twice, marked "No such person at this address." Your co-operation, please!

**THE BACK-STABBER—Continued.**

And yet, in this same broadcast of Feb. 18, this bombastic, sneaky, slimy coward had the gall to ask for applause for the good work he claims to be doing and for his alleged courage in having been so bravely "taking it on the chin!"

Asking for CREDIT for the good work he has done! We understand perfectly why this infernal scoundrel should seek to offer the few incidental and accidental good works he may have done—things which it was his DUTY TO DO, and for which he has been richly paid—we repeat, we understand perfectly why he should offer these "good works" as a MORTGAGE FOR HIS MANY PUBLIC CRIMES! But as the mortgage itself was stolen, we are sure that the people will not be so foolish as to accept it as atonement for his evil deeds.

"Taking it on the chin," indeed! The boast came off his lying lips only a moment after he had slyly crept up behind an opponent and stabbed him in the back with his poisoned dagger of slander by innuendo! With the foulest of cowardly crimes just committed—a crime judged no less vile than murder—he yet dared, in the same breath, to ask praise for courageously "taking it on the chin!"

If the people of Alberta have any sense of honor and justice left at all, if they appreciate that in a decent social order an offence against even the most humble citizen by those in high places should be regarded as a personal affront and insult to all, they will not rest, will not allow their indignation to subside, until they have rid the province of this cowardly murderer of good names.

**"A Little Sister of the Poor"**

"Smartly Gowned Women Attend Formal Opening of Legislature . . . Mrs. Edith Rogers . . . wearing a silver fox fur . . . —Edmonton Journal, Feb. 10, 1939.

Four years ago, the very same.  
Grand dame  
Was really quite unknown to fame.  
By name.  
She saw her chance to prey on fools,  
(A softer thing than teaching schools);  
So used them for her easy tools—  
Some game!

She dwelt on all their hopes and fears.  
With tears;  
And satisfied the "higher spheres,"  
With jeers;  
Extolled her prophet's aims and ends,  
Defined the farmers' truest friends,  
And promised monthly dividends,  
(With leers.)

She made the tillers of soil  
To boil  
At those who sought their hopes to foil,  
Who toil.  
They heard her fervent, moving prayers  
That she might "handle" their affairs.  
She's got both hands in now; and shares  
The spoil.

And now in costly silk and fur  
Doth purr;  
While gold and frankincense and myrrh  
Recur.  
The styles the country teacher wore  
Don't suit the legislative floor;  
No more the simple garb of yore,  
For her!

The lady in the silver fox,  
Who knocks  
And sneers at those who live on stocks,  
Or blocks . . .  
Who spouts her sympathetic gab  
For those "whose lives are dull and drab"—  
Just watch her when it's time to grab  
The rocks!

They tell me silver fox comes high  
To buy.  
The poor can never even try  
To vie

The kind of thing milady wears;  
The privilege of millionaires;  
With all those philanthropic airs . . . ???  
(My eye!)

Sometimes the folk that once admired—  
Grow tired;  
And by the self-same dupes that hired—  
We're fired!  
THEY'VE gopher-meat and gunny-sacks;  
While she's like Lady Dustin-Stax!  
There'll be a reckoning for those cracks  
Required!

In times like these, when prophets false, like wolves in sheepskin go,  
A badge comes very handy to distinguish friend from foe;  
And here's the clue that all her seeming mystery unlocks—  
She's a fox that's fond of silver, so she wears a silver fox!

—Contributed.

**FREEDOM**

To sit in silence when we should protest  
Makes cowards out of men. The human race  
Has climbed on protest. Had no voice been raised  
Against injustice, ignorance and lust,  
The Inquisition yet would serve the law  
And guillotine decide our least dispute.  
The few who dare must speak and speak again  
To right the wrongs of many . . .

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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# "Politicians Wanted"

(Extracts from radio address by the Editor. CFCN, Jan. 31.)

Last Friday night I presided at a meeting sponsored by an organization of ex-soldiers at which Mr. E. J. Garland, the well-known former member of the federal parliament, spoke on some of the basic economic principles of his political party, the C.C.F. It so happens that I am one of the executive officers of this veterans' organization and that Mr. Garland addressed it upon my invitation, with, of course, the approval of the entire executive.

I mention my personal connection with this meeting for the purpose of illustrating three points:

Firstly, I believe that all organizations claiming to serve the best interests of the country should get over their aversion to discussing and studying controversial economic and political questions, and, instead, should encourage free and open discussion of all serious proposals toward pulling democracy out of the mess to which it finds itself.

Secondly, reference to this incident helps me to clarify why I have consistently refused to put forward any so-called constructive economic proposals of my own in my discussion of public affairs. My reason is simply this: There is already an over-abundance of economic proposals, and as I do not claim to be an economic expert, anything I might have to say on the purely economic angle of our problems might only add to the existing confusion. I am content to leave economics to men like Mr. Garland and others who have made a special study of such matters.

However, government is not solely a matter of economics; that is, of banking, trade, development of natural resources, and the material welfare of the people in general. No matter how perfect the mechanics of an economic scheme may be, if it is not founded on sound moral and ethical foundations and administered by honest men, it cannot possibly function to the benefit of the people. A gang of crooks in control of the government would wreck the most perfect economic system. And it is to this special department—the morals and ethics of politics, to which I have devoted around twenty years of study and action, and it is in this special field that I therefore venture to speak with as much authority as those who are specialists in the various purely economic phases have the right to speak with authority on matters in which they have special training and knowledge.

Thirdly, I have here the opportunity to re-emphasize my oft-repeated denunciation of that loose attitude prevalent toward politics and politicians. One of the chief factors responsible for the electoral victory of the Aberhartian fraud in 1935 was the continual, hypnotic repetition of the lie that Social Credit so-called was not politics, when as a matter of fact it was the worst political swindle in Canadian history. Time and again Mr. Aberhart emphasized that he was not in politics, when all the time he was in it up to his ears.

Now, that sort of thing was only to be expected from Mr. Aberhart. In order to put his political trick across, it was absolutely necessary for him to represent it as something that it was not. However, one would expect honest, intelligent people to refrain from imitating his tactics; and yet that is precisely what is being done today by those of the opposition to him who are clamoring for the elimination of politics and politicians from government. The substance of their cry is: "We want sound business administration. Away with politics and politicians."

Everyone agrees that we need sound business methods in government and that the small, petty partizanship should be eliminated. But I submit that the current over-emphasis on both matters is responsible for much loose and dangerous thought in regard to the nature of government in general and the concept of politics in particular. Is it necessary to emphasize that government without politics is impossible? What is government but the application of policies; and what is a politician but one who advocates certain policies? Let us be honest and realistic and direct our reasoning and remedies toward causes, not to names of abstractions. A man who advocates governmental policies, whether in or out of parliament, whether he be business man, thief or saint, IS A POLITICIAN.

Then there is the highly important consideration that government is more than a business and involves the need for and application of principles and methods many of which cannot be drawn from those of ordinary commercial business. For that reason, government requires special qualities in men, many of which are not necessarily developed by business training. In fact, we know that certain principles and qualities which make for so-called success in business would be positively ruinous to good government.

## INSULT TO GOOD CITIZENS

One of the most harmful features in this over-emphasis on sound business and objection to politicians lies, in my opinion, in the insult it implies to many of our best citizens who have devoted years of their lives to the study of public affairs and to the service of their fellow men. Let us take the case of Mr. Garland, a man recognized as having one of the keenest minds in all Canada, one of the ablest debaters ever to sit in the federal House. Along with him in parliament were such able men as William Irvine, Robert Gardiner, and others. These men have devoted

the best years of their lives to the cause of social and economic reform. They were being heard with respect in the councils of the nation. But they were unceremoniously swept out of office on that wave of irrational emotionalism which inundated Alberta in 1935 and cast aside for men who appear to know about as much about economic reform as a Jersey cow knows about strip farming. Dr. Stanley was one of the most highly respected and capable members ever sent to Ottawa. Do you think Landeryou can ever be his equal? In the provincial field, take Fred White, a man of great ability, an authority on the problems of Labor, a good man in every respect, and then recall how he was cast aside. Take Hugh Farthing. There is no more honest, capable and conscientious student of public affairs than he, none with wider human sympathies and understanding. He was thrown overboard. Consider J. T. Shaw, who has a better grasp of our political situation than all of the sound business advocates put together, and what is the attitude toward him? I have heard it said of him as of Farthing, Garland and others: "We must keep fellows like that out. They have been too much in the public eye. They are politicians. We must get men to fight Aberhart who have not been active in politics." The very qualities which have fitted these men for leadership are held against them! The term "politician" is hurled at them as a reproach, when it should be regarded as their badge of honor.

## THERE ARE DIRTY POLITICIANS

Among the politicians of the truly objectionable kind, just as disgusting as those who would hide their political trickery behind a pulpit, are those who, in their mad scramble for material profit never had time for active interest in public affairs until their business interests were affected by Aberhart's crazy legislation, and who, either in ignorance or as dishonest strategy, would now use the same fraud of "no politics and politicians" to defeat Aberhart which he used to get himself into power. That really is cheap politics. If the best they can suggest is to imitate Aberhart's trickery, then I have but little respect for their business principles and none at all for their political sagacity.

I am not deprecating the idea of sound business. We need all that. My sole purpose tonight is to dispel if possible this MISPLACING of emphasis. Government being what it is—the regulation of human relationships in their manifold complexities, it can never be placed upon a commercial business basis, but must be conducted upon a basis of policies, or politics, designed to harmonize the constantly varying and conflicting human relations to the best possible advantage of all concerned. In such a task, business methods, while important, are incidental. They are but the means through which policies are given effect. But policies are, of first importance, and the first need therefore is for politicians—for honest men and women of wisdom and character, who have vision and imagination to correctly interpret the significance of causes and effects, and who have the courage to shape and direct the course of events to the benefit of those whom they serve. And I want to say that I know men on relief who possess these qualities in greater measure than some so-called successful business men whom I could name.

## A PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY

But, while honest, intelligent and courageous politicians are urgently needed, of equal importance is an honest, intelligent and politically-minded public. Mr. Aberhart estimated the average intelligence of the people as that of a 13-year-old child. I am convinced that his estimate was far too high. A normal 13-year-old child, with its mind not cluttered up with a lot of imitation religious emotionalism, would have seen through his fraud at once. Try it some day. Tell a 13-year-old boy that you have a perfect way of giving him \$25 a month for nothing, and he'll either ask you, "What's the catch, Mister?" or tell you quite bluntly that you're "nuts." It is indeed clear enough evidence of ulterior design, incompetence and moral depravity on the part of elected representatives when they violate every standard of public decency and honor, as do the political adventurers holding power in Alberta. But equally disgraceful is the apathetic countenance of such shameful abuse of public office. Because of their public trust, public men should be held even more strictly accountable than others for their public conduct, and when you and I fail in our duty to hold them accountable, we are guilty of the crime of encouraging them in their misconduct.

The responsibility for removing the Aberhart gang from office is squarely up to you and me. I am trying to discharge my personal responsibility in a manner I think most effective, and I am urging you to do the same. (We then concluded by outlining our "demand" plan, published in a previous issue.)

## HUGILL TELLS 'EM!

Just as this issue goes to press we are informed that J. W. Hugill, K.C., made a valiant effort in the House to compel Aberhart to face The Rebel charges, but was ruled out of order by the Speaker. If the other members of the opposition had backed Mr. Hugill, something might have been accomplished. According to our information, the Speaker's excuse for ruling Mr. Hugill out of order was that the charges in question were directed at Mr. Aberhart personally, which is of course entirely wrong. This shows to what lengths the Aberhart gang will go to avoid having Aberhart face the music. The public should now get right behind Mr. Hugill and encourage him to continue the fight.

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## REBELETTES

**O NOBLE ETZIKOM!**—If the people of all communities in the province had the spunk of those in the Etzikom district, Aberhart would last about as long as the proverbial snowball in the place where we hope he is not going but are afraid he will. Around 40 "demands" for action against Aberhart in the legislature were received from this small community. One petition alone held 21 signatures.

**NOT TOO LATE!**—There is, by God's grace, an immeasurable distance between late and TOO late. So says a wise old sage. We commend this truth to the consideration of those fainting souls who may think it is now too late for them to forward their demand for action. The fight is only beginning. So write to your M.L.A. right now, requesting of him to demand without ceasing that Aberhart face the serious charges of public misconduct against him on the floor of the House—at THIS SESSION. If you prefer, forward your demand to us, and we shall see to it that it gets into the right hands. YOUR demand may be the one that will turn the tide.

**THE OLD THEOLOGY.**—The Albanian: "Was there ever a difference of opinion worth quarrelling about? The government may be wrong, but if they are the people may be trusted to tell them so when the time comes. Theologians are not so easily disposed of. But even so the man-in-the-pew seems to become increasingly aware that the old theology is as threadbare as the old politics." For an editor, whose special job it is to put forth arguments and opinions, to argue the futility of quarrelling over opinions, is in itself the height of inconsistency. However, it is his opinion in regard to the alleged threadbareness of the "old-theology" over which we would "quarrel" with him. It is our opinion that the dissatisfaction of the man-in-the-pew today is not at all with the "old theology,"—for the simple reason that it is not being preached in the majority of churches, but, on the one hand, with the milk-and-water rationalism of the so-called modern theologies which regard compromise with every form of error as "tolerance," and, on the other, with the fanatical religio-political doctrines of such conscienceless rabble-rousers as Aberhart. Neither of these can rightfully claim to represent any theology in the true sense, as both are in reality idolatrous.—the one worshipping reason and social salvation by civil legalism, while the other worships the equally false god of greed and brute force. It is with the futility of these fake theologies the man-in-the-pew has become sickened. But the churches with the "old theology" are still on the job. One hears their voices now and then, quiet, dignified, comforting, among the raucous bellowings of the prevalent demagoguery; and when the froth and bluster of the idol-worshippers has blown away, it is to these churches with the "old theology" which have dared to maintain a straight course through all the current bedlam of conflicting "other gospels," that weary souls will turn for solace and peace.

**CHALLENGE TO KELLOWAY.**—On Feb. 5, the Rev. Dr. Kelloway, pastor of Knox United Church, Calgary, preached a sermon on the subject, "In Defence of Mr. Aberhart," in which he made an appeal for "tolerance, fair play and good sportsmanship" in the political affairs of the province. In strong language he condemned alleged "slandering and defamation" of Premier Aberhart. As a matter of cold fact, however, Dr. Kelloway did not defend Aberhart. No one has ever defended Aberhart, not even Aberhart himself. We have been trying for years to get Aberhart to defend himself or to find someone with enough courage to defend him, without success. Dr. Kelloway's sermon title was completely misleading and he should not be surprised that it was construed as but a tricky device to draw the crowd to hear Dr. Kelloway put over some of his pet ideas in defence of himself. Dr. Kelloway should either apologise to the public for the deception or make good in another sermon, or public address, in which he should undertake to really defend Aberhart. Personally, we do not believe it possible for anyone to defend Aberhart. We may be wrong. We hope so. We should like to be shown to be all wrong. Perhaps Dr. Kelloway is the man to do it. If he can do so, he will render an invaluable service to the people of this province, for he knows that there are thousands of people who think exactly as we do in regard to Aberhart. Will Dr. Kelloway undertake an honest "defence of Mr. Aberhart," in, say, a public debate with us? We doubt it, because we do not believe that he CAN defend Mr. Aberhart. Again, we hope we are wrong. However, if the crusading Dr. Kelloway would like to make good on the topic with which he fooled the people on Feb. 5, let him accept our challenge to debate the matter with him at any mutually convenient time and place.

**WHAT CAN BE DONE** to make the people of Alberta realise that Fascism in Alberta is not only a remote possibility but already definitely in operation in certain spheres? "Fascism in the Oil Industry of Alberta" was the title of an address recently by Stanley Davies, consulting geologist, before the current events section of the Calgary Canadian Club. Some of his observations should be given the most serious thought. He warned that the control exercised today over the oil industry might

be extended within the next seven years to other industries. "If and when that time comes," he said, "I believe that we would no longer have what could be called a democratic form of life." Among still other things he said: "The government has not one man in it who knows anything about the oil industry . . . So it has brought in someone from Texas to advise it, and has set up a board with absolute power over the industry . . . It has absolute power to buy up any well, paying for it out of a general levy against the rest of the producers, and can pay the owner whatever it sees fit, or nothing at all. Or it can make production at a profit so impossible that it can force a man to sell and then pay him at this new valueless value. Those in the oil industry must follow the dictates of this board, right or wrong. They have no recourse to the law and no acknowledged rights. They are no longer a free people. This shows us how far this province has advanced along the road to straight dictatorship. Sometimes we fail to realise this. Remember, the foregoing was said of things as they are, not in Germany or Italy, but in Alberta!"

**BOUQUET TO BOWLEN.**—Hats off to J. J. Bowlen, the one man in the House who is not afraid to tell the world that Aberhart is "not fit to hold the office of premier." So far as we can see, Mr. Bowlen is the only man in the House who appreciates that it is positively wrong to treat Aberhart like an honest man. When the other members of the opposition learn this simple truth and commence to deal honestly with Aberhart as with the liar and fraud they know him to be, then and then only will they get anywhere with him. We'd like to make a little bet that Aberhart will not refer to Mr. Bowlen as being "weak and ineffective."

**ON "FORGIVING."**—Premier Aberhart stated in his old-maiden speech in the legislature that he had "forgiven" the former insurgents. It may reasonably be assumed that they have also forgiven him. It does not, however, appear to have entered the heads of these people that their mutual forgiveness of sins is of no concern to the public. What is definitely of concern to the public, and upon which the public should continue to demand action, are the charges of public misconduct which the insurgents publicly hurled at Aberhart. These were, and still are, PUBLIC business, and neither Aberhart nor the former insurgents have it within their power to "forgive" these things. That is the sole prerogative of their masters, the public; and neither Aberhart nor the insurgents have as yet had the decency to appeal to the public for forgiveness nor to face these matters in the House. They can forgive each other bloody murder ten times a day till the cows come home, but only confession to and forgiveness by the PUBLIC will "wash their sins away." This silly exhibition was but another demonstration of Aberhart's Messianic complex in operation. When a man in public office thinks he has the authority and power to "forgive" public crimes charged against himself, he is either mentally unbalanced or morally perverted, or both. In any event, such a person is unfit to hold public office.

**A REMINDER.**—We had hoped to publish one of Barney Halpin's poems in this issue, but space did not permit. So we would remind you again that you can get his book of rhymes on Aberhartia by sending two-bits to him at Black Diamond.

**"FUNNY NAMES"**: Something should be done about this! One would think that after our dear Premier Aberhart (nee Eberhardt) had, by drawing attention to our "queer name", made it perfectly clear that there may be something diabolical or something in funny names such as ours, patriotic organizations above all others would be extremely careful not to contaminate themselves in that regard. But what happens! On Feb. 16, the current events section of the Calgary Canadian Club lowers itself to hear an address by P. J. Lazarowich, B.A., LL.B., and on Feb. 20 the Calgary branch of the Alberta Military Institute (think of it, the Military Institute!) sinks to the depths of allowing itself to be addressed by a man with the queer name of Fuad K. Mufarrrij! Is it possible that the members of these organizations attach no importance to names?

## Show-Down Demanded

Critics Invited to Come Into the Open and Fight Like Men Instead of Trying to Wreck The Rebel by Hypocritical Innuendo

Perhaps the most cowardly type of boycott, and the most difficult of all to fight, is that fostered by those in positions of public responsibility who, lacking the moral courage to face a situation honestly and openly, propagandize against the idea, proposition or undertaking by innuendo rather than by direct attack. The Rebel is being subjected to this form of boycott.

Following the despicable standard set by Premier Aberhart, whose common method of attack is that of slander by innuendo and inference, and from whom nothing better may be expected, even many of those professing to be opposed to him, and from whom straight forwardness might be expected, are prating piously about their professed abhorrence of allegedly current abuses of the freedom of speech and press, of slander and defamation of public men; and make eloquent appeals for tolerance



and sportsmanship. But never at any time have they the courage to make specific reference to any particular offence which they allege to exist and profess to condemn. Thus, in the very breath in which they profess to abhor slander they breathe slander against those whom they denounce by inference, but whom they lack the sportsmanship to name.

Now, although of the very essence of hypocrisy and slander, the utterances of these would-be purists often derive from the prominence of those who make them a totally unwarranted aura of authority, respectability and merit calculated to pervert the public mind as to the truth of the matters involved.

The effect of this hypocrisy in so far as The Rebel is concerned—and the same must apply to other frank critics of the government—is that by this cowardly, subtle inference and suggestion we are falsely represented as persecuting and slandering Aberhart and he is held up as a martyr. The practical result is antipathy toward and boycott of The Rebel, without regard to the merits of the case as a whole. Prejudiced in advance by the lying insinuations of these self-righteous hypocrites, newsdealers who do not scruple to sell the veriest moral filth by the ton, refuse to handle our publication, and many people, influenced by the appearance of virtue assumed as a cloak for their moral cowardice by these false professors of purity, do not buy The Rebel and condemn it without ever having read it.

Our position is clear. Whatever may be said against us, it positively cannot be charged that we have not been definite and specific in our criticisms. We have invited criticism and opposition. But we can neither defend ourself against nor make direct attack upon those who use the cowardly weapon of innuendo. It is impossible to fight a shadow. We therefore ask: (1) That those who desire to criticise us kindly have the decency to do so openly, like men; and (2) That those who honestly believe in fair play be at least as zealous in giving expression to their honest convictions as these self-righteous bigots are in giving voice to their hypocrisy. Let's have a show-down!

## Wisecracks for March

(By L. W.)

### THEN HE CAN FILL IT AGAIN!



Pat and Mike of Aberhart fame had obtained a keg of beer (never mind how) and proceeded to put in a night of sequestered joviality. Said Pat, "I've got a dime, what say we give Abie's theory a try-out and see how it works?" Agreed.

It was pretty good beer and during the succeeding hours the ten-cent piece changed ownership with astounding rapidity. After the two Celts, had, each in turn, bought and sold around twenty drinks, using the one coin as the medium of exchange, they became noticeably mellowed and desirous of doing something really benevolent.

"Pat," said Mike, "this business is O.K. The old boy was right. I move that we make him a present just to show our appreciation." Motion seconded and carried.

A few more schooners were tossed off by way of celebration; then "Tell you what Mike, we'll give him the empty keg!"

**POOR GREASERS**—The unscrupulous low-brow who started that rumor about grand-daddy Aberhart being hung for sheep-stealing in Old Mexico, should be forced to apologize. Those other sheep-thieves are apt to get sore and start something.

Judge: "What were you three fellows fighting for?"

One of the combatants: "Please your Honor, we was arguing about social credit. That there ignoramus said it was the ethics of Christianity applied to religion, and I said it was the ethics of religion applied to Christianity." Then this other guy butts in and he says—

Judge (with headache): "Never mind, it all amounts to the same thing—thirty days apiece."

### HAVE PATIENCE, BROTHER!

O, for an hundred tongues to sing,  
And shout and yell like everything,  
To let him know we're still alive  
And waiting for that twenty-five.

**WHERE TO?**—In a speech at Olds recently, our chief is quoted as saying: "Believe me, this province is going some place." But, being a preacher of the gospel, the reverend gentleman modestly refrained from naming the place.

Then there was the woman from the sticks who thought social credit was something that gave you credit for being sociable.

The month's simile: As devoid of brains as an Alberta legislative assembly.

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**CALGARY:** I would like to help more, but finances will not permit. We came to this country in 1901, went through all the hardships that pioneering brought with it until a few years ago when my health failed. I sold; put money out on mortgages. Now, under S.C. rule, the income from that source has dried up. Other people have our life savings and we are on the verge of want and some of our children on relief. But I have myself to blame. I helped to put S.C. in power. When I would hear Aberhart on the radio Sunday after Sunday say there would be no more repudiation, no confiscation, no added taxation, everything would be done within law and order, and nothing against the B.N.A. Act, I just swallowed hook, bait and sinker. I never thought anyone could use the pulpit to lie to gain his selfish ends, but I learned my lesson at some expense. So all I can do is to wish you good luck in fighting the fight for our freedom.

**KILLAM:** 1. In what way is Mr. Aberhart like Hitler? You made the statement that they were alike. (Answer:—They are alike in that they both suffer from the same Messianic complex. Both claim to be under direct divine guidance and therefore infallible. Hitler claims that, being the personification of the Godhead in the State, he can do no wrong—that even his violations of covenants, reversals of policies, persecutions, etc., must therefore be right. Aberhart has made this same claim in substance, as witness his famous reply to charges of public misconduct. He said: "What if all these charges ARE true? Mistakes under the direction of God are not mistakes, but stepping stones to success." This is an unshamed claim to divine infallibility. It explains Aberhart's intolerance—advocacy of boycott, suppression of free speech, closing courts, etc., and also gives the real clue to his cowardice, lying, etc. The comparison is, however, favorable to Herr Hitler, in that he at least has the decency to openly further the conception of a pagan god and religion; while Aberhart unblushingly uses the Name of the Triune God and the Christian religion as a cloak for his political trickery.) 2. What policy of government have you to offer the people after you have "ousted Aberhartism" as you so confidently expect to do? (Answer: See reprint of our radio talk, "Politicians Wanted," and other references to this matter in this and previous issues of The Rebel.) 3. Those who know Mr. Aberhart personally and are unprejudiced in their opinion know and admit that he is a true Christian gentleman. Hundreds of souls in this province will testify today that they are saved because of Mr. Aberhart's faithful ministry of the Gospel. (Answer: If we thought Aberhart to be a "true Christian gentleman," we would be supporting him to the limit. But it is because we know him to be an anti-Christian, blaspheming racketeer who prostitutes religion for political gain that we oppose him. ANY man who will preach a fallible political nostrum as the infallible "economy of God," as Aberhart does; who lies and slanders and maligns from a pulpit, as Aberhart does; who incites to boycott, intolerance, disrespect for law and order, as Aberhart does; who would deny freedom of speech and justice, as Aberhart would, such a person is preaching doctrines directly opposed to Christianity, regardless of the professions of piety he may make with his mouth. Aberhart is not "saving" souls, but corrupting them with his vile abuse of religion. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." We are quite sure that the evil practices of Aberhart and his followers are not doing "the will of my Father which is in heaven," no matter how loudly their lips may cry "Lord, Lord.")

**ORION:** As a pioneer citizen of this province I am 100 percent behind you in your efforts to expose this monster of iniquity, Aberhart.

**CLOVER BAR:** Good work of yours on radio, particularly in showing up Aberhart's religious hypocrisy.

**BRIGHT BANK:** Some fifty people have read my Rebel. (Ed. note: Hey! That's no fair, Donald! At least you should make a rental charge, and split the revenue with us.)

**CLOVER BAR:** Alberta is fortunate in having one man who is not afraid to call things by their proper names. Every self-respecting citizen is with you. Go on. Oust this creature Aberhart, who is ruining the province, not only financially, but morally by prostituting holy Scripture to the work of an anti-Christ.

**ETZIKOM:** I have just heard your broadcast. Without hesitation I must say it is the most masterly oration that it has been my pleasure to listen to on the matter of the Aberhart ballyhoo. I wish to commend you highly for the magnificent work you have done to arouse the indignation of the people in Alberta regarding the most iniquitous Premier ever known in a British country.

**CALGARY:** No wonder Abie can laugh over the cartoons and Shaw when he has \$50,000 in his jeans and holding up our bit of savings.

**OLDS:** I have long felt Mr. Aberhart will have an awful judgment to face in having his followers to believe that God is leading him on in this foolishness. . . . If you can keep on in this way without allowing any hatred in your heart toward the poor man, I say the Lord bless you and lead you on.

**DONALDA:** Congratulations and every success in your attempt to wake up Alberta people to the fact that Mr. Aberhart is not a man worthy to represent the province at any time, especially to receive Their Majesties the King and Queen on their visit in the near future.

**RED DEER:** I want to have Premier Aberhart, disqualified and dismissed. He has lied to the people. He has usurped his authority. He has insulted the Lieutenant Governor, and is altogether incompetent.

**DUCHESS:** I believe nothing condemns Aberhart more than his action in side-stepping the charges that have been laid against him. Can a man fall so low that he is insensible to all and any calls of justice and decency? Past events during the Social Credit regime answer yes.

**ECKVILLE:** We need factories in this province to use up the raw material of the farm that is now going to waste. Good sheep pelt at 25 cents, cow and horse hides don't pay for the skinning. Straw will be burnt again in the spring, when it could be made into paper. But capital would be foolish to come into this country while that diabolical hypocrite, liar and tax glutton Aberhart has his hands on the country's cash box.

**SEDEGWICK:** I am very glad and proud of your Tuesday night lectures and hope thousands of others are the same. It is good to know that there are a few people who remind us of what kind of government we have. It is the biggest lying, misleading gang I ever read or heard of.

**COCHRANE:** Enclosed find check for \$10. Send copies as from December to . . . and put the balance in your war chest.

**OYEN:** Have just received the first three issues of *The Rebel*. To say they are good is putting it mildly. Give that deceptive scoundrel all in your power until he is compelled to make a show-down.

**BASHAW:** I know nothing whatsoever of Social Credit and I don't believe anybody else knows very much about it; and I do know the big concerns find it nice to fight it, and that alone proves to me there must be something good in it for the common people. So why fight? What can any of us lose if Social Credit should stay in power? . . .

I don't want you to think I'm in favor of everything Mr. Aberhart does and says. I think he was very foolish to refer to you as the man with the funny name, and I do believe that a man in his position should at all times hold his tongue when it comes to personal insults and light thoughts whatsoever. (Ed. note: You are on the road to wisdom. Your frank admission that you know nothing about Social Credit is refreshing. You are, however, still groping in the dark when you give the opposition to so-called Social Credit as your excuse for supporting the Aberhart government. That is a childish position, and it is upon just such irrational credulity that Aberhart depends for support. You have still to learn that the real opposition is not to Social Credit, but to Aberhart's destruction of our social credit by his dishonesty and cowardice.)

**GALAHAD:** In my opinion, every citizen of the province should read your paper and demand a showdown, and the sooner the better. If the accusations made by you are not true, then you should be put behind lock and key, but should they be true, then our Premier should at once resign and apologise to the people who followed him so faithfully since 1935.

**BINDLOSS:** There are very few around here still Social Credit. Some are getting their eyes open. Others have, but won't give in. That \$25 a month was just a bait, but there were plenty of fish at that time. . . . Hold to what you are saying, for it is the truth, and Aberhart cannot deny it, or he would.

**CALGARY:** I have often wondered why you have never mentioned Aberhart's pulpit salesmanship at the time of the Albertan purchase. Was that not breaking the law? (Answer: We made reference to this in the first series of *The Rebel*. Undoubtedly, if WE had stood up in a pulpit to boost the sale of stock shares in, say, *The Rebel*, we would have had to answer for the crime in a court of law. But when Aberhart, the Premier, breaks the law, he is not a criminal, but a hero. Don't be so foolish. Get the new "social credit" standard of morality on straight, and then you will understand that to break the law, to hold the courts in contempt, to ridicule constituted authority, from a pulpit, are in the approved order of things in Alberta. To criticise Aberhart for his violations of the law, etc., is immediately classified as "slander" of the Premier. In Alberta today the criminal is not he who commits the crime, but those poor fools who are so old-fashioned as to draw attention to the crime.)

**EARLIE:** As I listened to your broadcast last night and heard the language and slurs you threw through the air, I take it for granted that you don't read your Bible. I have listened to Mr. Aberhart ever since he started broadcasting and I can faithfully say I have never heard him say anything out of the way. (Ed. note: Like all Aberhart fanatics, you take too much for granted. Being under Aberhart's hypnotic influence, nothing he could say or do could possibly be "out of the way" in your estimation. Conversely, you would regard our every criticism, no matter how true, as a "slur" on Aberhart. But it would never enter your mind to base your judgment upon the FACTS of the case. Never the less, your conscience tells you that Aberhart is guilty of every public crime charged against him; otherwise you would be only too anxious to have him face these charges in order to prove his innocence and our guilt.)

**OYEN:** Listening to your broadcast tonight, I am very much impressed with your sincerity. I am right with you 100 percent in bringing

that cowardly hypocrite Aberhart to justice.

**BUSBY:** Have heard only one of your broadcasts, but that convinced me that the cause you support is a worthy one.

**CALGARY:** May your hope (before anything else) to "destroy Aberhartism completely" (issue No. 3, page 5) be fulfilled. May history repeat itself. "Sed, Patres Conscripti! delenda est Carthago." (Ed. note: But, friend, have our modern leaders the vision to recognize the wickedness of the Alberta Carthage and the courage to destroy it! By the way, we note by your address that you are living in a house we occupied some years ago.)

**RIMBEY:** I enclose postal note for two subscriptions. . . . Strange to say, Social Crediters are still strong enough in this vicinity and would likely go back again here on a divided vote. . . . It looks to me too bad that those opposed to Aberhartism cannot unite and stick together to get rid of this menace.

**LETHBRIDGE:** A friend handed to me the Dec. and Jan. numbers, and I wish to say that their tone fits the case treated therein. Of course, many of the facts mentioned we did know and the arguments on these do represent our thoughts, and I am confident in saying that thousands of citizens of Alberta think the same. But . . . what and where is the instrument through which those who are opposed to this rule can and must make their wish and demand known to the proper authority, which can and will end this calamity which is upon us? (Ed. note: The only legal instruments are the ballot, the legislature, the courts and the Lieutenant Governor or Governor General. These are our protection against tyranny so long as we have the intelligence and courage to use them properly. That is why we have urged citizens to demand action through M.L.A.'s, the courts and the Lieutenant Governor, to the end that we may have an early opportunity to use our chief legal weapon—the ballot.)

**EDMONTON:** I have read every word in *The Rebel*, but I will read it again and again, as it is impossible to grasp all of the truth there is in it in the first reading. It is the biggest little paper ever published.

**CALGARY:** I have listened to your broadcasts and read *The Rebel*, and want to congratulate you upon your unselfish efforts to oust from power this most absurd government. . . . I believe Aberhart is very bad and only hope he is mentally wrong so that he will not be accountable for what he has done.

**CALGARY:** I sure think you are doing the best job of any person I know. We take every issue of *The Rebel* and send some out of town. . . . All power to you and Mr. Shaw. May God bless your efforts, and I am not canting when I say that, for I pray every day you may succeed.

**PROVOST:** There has not been one piece of legislation put over that is not either contrary to the law or downright crazy. Now he is going to pay Alberta's debt through these "credit houses"! It is more deception, and he has a lot of people yet who will believe him. I say the opposition must play to win and take no chances. To beat this fantastic fraud the opposition will have to unite and put only one man against him in each constituency. . . . There are plenty of honest men to run who will give Alberta good and honest government, put the province on a sound financial basis where we can meet our obligations in an honest way. I hope the leaders will unite in their efforts to bring this thing to a head, and not underestimate the Social Credit forces. Aberhart deceived the people once and he will try hard again. . . . If the opposition succeeds in making Aberhart face the charges, I don't suppose he would run in the next election, but he is very slippery and they will have a job to corner him.

**CALGARY:** Let me congratulate you on your stand and plain speaking. God knows we need it, with such a bunch as we have in Edmonton. . . . I am a civil servant and dare not say very much against them because of stool pigeons everywhere in the service. I can tell you these same people aren't very hot about taking vouchers in their pay and we sure are kidding them along about it.

**ATLEE:** Your paper and radio talks will make people think instead of following Aberhart blind.

**MEDICINE HAT:** We (three signatures) trust that you will keep on hammering until Mr. Aberhart is ousted from his false position.

**PROVOST:** I listened to Aberhart over the air for a while yesterday and heard him announce something to the effect that Mr. Christiansen who is head of the co-operative movement was going to speak at a certain place. I heard Mr. Christiansen speak in Cadogan on co-operation. He said he was chosen for the job because he was not a Social Creditor or anything else. . . . I think we farmers can save ourselves some money if we co-operate, but I do not like to have anything to do with it if the government has some ulterior motive in boosting co-operatives. If there is a nigger in the woodpile, please advise. (Ed. note: We can think of no more certain way of wrecking the co-operative movement than to allow the Aberhart government to get mixed up in it. There can be no co-operation without confidence, and as the destruction of confidence is one of the chief accomplishments of the Aberhart government, any contact it may have with the co-operative movement would be sure to work harm rather than good. Our view is that the government's real motive right now is not so much to aid co-operatives, as to draw prestige to itself from the co-operatives to bolster its weakening position.)

**MEDICINE HAT:** Has not the Lieutenant Governor the power to put Aberhart out, seeing the wicked things the latter has done? (Answer: Yes, certainly. But the Lieutenant Governor would never take such a step until he had reasonable assurance that his action would have the approval of the majority of the people at an election. That is why we



have been urging you to make your demands known to the members of the House. All the power is in the hands of the people, and until they awaken to make their will known, they deserve to have just what they are getting. Thanks for your "demand." You did the right thing. Thanks also for your sustaining subscription of \$5.)

EDMONTON: Your broadcast came in clear last night and I think you made your point clear to all who were listening. Congratulations. I wish to assure you that I am ever ready to fight with you for righteousness in politics, public and private life.

VULCAN: I did not help Bro. Aberhart in, but I am more than willing to help put him out. If this is not plain enough, say so. (Ed. note: We understand you perfectly.)

CRAIGEND: I read the first issues of The Rebel with great interest and approval, and when I heard your broadcast tonight I could not help but feel that you are on the right track in asking that the people demand of our No. 1 Public Servant (?) to answer the various charges made by yourself and many others.

VERMILION: To ignore these charges is to acknowledge their truth. If they are true, then Aberhart is not fit to hold the high and honorable office of Premier of Alberta, and he should be made to resign.

ETZIKOM: As a woman, my indictment against William Aberhart is his brutal offence to the women of this province; first, in deliberately and calculatingly deceiving them through their natural reverence for the Bible and for anyone who professes to be a man of God; second, because he used and played upon the hardships and dependence of a great number of them to win them to support his infamous fraud; third, because of the gross and direct insult to womanhood he perpetrated when he told to a large mixed audience and to a greater radio audience in their homes among their families a grossly indecent anecdote relating to the most sacred experience in a woman's life.

CARBON: This province has been the laughing stock for the whole world, and it is high time something is done to straighten it out, if it ever is to be looked upon as fit to live in.

ARMADA: I have to admit that I was one of those who were "taken for a ride" in 1935; not because I was a follower of the prophet—I had always hated his intolerance—but because I was fed up with professional politicians and their works, and became an easy victim of emotional oratory. . . . I made the mistake of believing him sincere. Consequently, it took until two years ago to arrive at what you saw before the election. The rankest government that ever existed anywhere in Canada has never left such an empty and contemptible record as has this misnamed Social Credit government. . . . If Social Credit has any good in it whatever it will be all washed out by the patronage parasites and spies, and the dictatorship it would bring would soon become intolerable, even without Aberhart.

CALGARY: We (three signatures) certainly think that you have made out a particularly strong case, both on the air and in The Rebel, for a thorough examination of the public speech and conduct of Premier Aberhart during the last few years. We hope that the whole question of his moral right and fitness to occupy the high position of premier of this province, and other offices, will be settled satisfactorily once and for all in the new session of Parliament.

CALGARY: We, the undersigned, agree with you that Aberhart should go before our King George and Queen Elizabeth visit our beautiful province of Alberta, and we respectfully request our esteemed member, Mr. John Irwin, to do everything he can to put Aberhart out.

CALGARY: May I congratulate you on the splendid work you are doing in helping to rid this province of the cheapest shyster any country was ever cursed with. In my opinion Al Capone is a gentleman compared with this miserable coward that we have for Premier. I am wholeheartedly behind your demand that he answer the charges made against him or step down into the gutter where he belongs, and where he will eventually land anyway.

DONALDA: . . . No Albertan who has a vestige of respect for his province and fellow citizens would want a man of the type of Mr. Aberhart to receive Their Majesties the King and Queen on their visit next spring.

KINUSO: You impress me as being a very shrewd gentleman; that is, you were able to see through every psychological quirk and trick employed by Mr. Aberhart in stealing the province from the old-line parties; everybody was going around in a daze but Mr. Zubick was wide awake and tells the world about it—4 YEARS AFTER IT HAPPENED. . . . You have advertised yourself as a cheap, blatant four-flusher. You condemn the Premier of this province, a man whom the world respects. You condemn him for being a Christian. You sneeringly refer to his Bible. Doesn't that fact condemn you as a low-down coward? (Answer: If what you say were true, we would indeed be a four-flusher and low-down coward. But unfortunately everything you say is untrue. We did not wait until "four years after it happened" to point out Aberhart's trickery. We said long before the election, in the press and over the air, just what we are saying now. Our statements are on record. We have never condemned Aberhart for "being a Christian," but for his hypocrisy. We have never "sneeringly" referred to his Bible. It is because we respect the Bible that we have denounced Aberhart's prostitution of the Word of God. Show us where we have ever at any time done the things you say we have done or have not done what we say we have done, or that Aberhart has not done what we say he has done, and we shall gladly give the widest possible publicity to your evidence.)

MEDICINE HAT: I know that you have changed the point of view of a large number of those who in 1935 voted for "social credit,"

those who were deceived by the promise of something for nothing. Of course we cannot expect to change those who do no thinking for themselves.

HIGH PRAIRIE: . . . There is one thing I will give you credit for and that is after listening to your broadcast we get hundreds of new supporters for our Social Credit government. (Ed. note: We suggest that you take the matter up with your Social Credit group with the view to sponsoring a broadcast now and then to increase your membership.)

DIDSBURY: If you should happen to get into conversation with "his Nibs," you might tell him that here is another man with a "queer name" who hasn't much use for him or his followers.

MORRIN: I wish you to know that I think Aberhart should come out and defend his good name if he can and put you in jail if you are wrong. . . . In discussing the matter with a strong Social Creditor I mentioned this and received the answer: "Aberhart has no money to fight with." So I suggested a fund should be created at once to fight the case with and offered to put in ten or fifteen bucks for a start.

ARMADA: I really feel that I owe the world an apology for ever voting for this monstrosity with his guttersnipe methods to the position where he has become such a barnacle on the ship of state. . . . As the mother of two growing boys I have lost many hours of sleep wondering what would be the consequences of this sleeping sickness that has pervaded this province since 1935. . . . If I had to depend on Alberta's Barnacle Bill for my faith in the Almighty, I would be a confirmed atheist.

OHATON: Some premierships of Alberta have been in the mire before, but never so much as now. That man is dangerous and should be stopped before we get into a mix-up like Spain is having.

DAYSLAND: I heard you Tuesday evening, and say Amen. . . . Am enclosing one dollar to help out a little. Wish it could be a thousand, but for some hook or crook I never got my dividends and have to plug along eating bread by sweat in a blacksmith shop.

CADOGAN: This district supported Social Credit 90 percent at election time, but I doubt if it could get 40 percent today.

LEGEND: The other parties should know that if the people don't stand together Aberhart very likely will be re-elected, and what's the difference who wrecks the province, Aberhart or those selfish political gangsters? If they don't have a united party ticket, I'll not waste my time to go nine miles to vote.

RANFURLY: I, in good faith, thought at one time Mr. Aberhart's word was his bond. . . . As soon as he took his oath of office, he did not beat the servants in the permanent staff. He did worse by far. He dismissed them, thus taking away their living, adding to the unemployed, and put in their place a lot of amateurs. He is passing anti-British laws, in fact, trying to outdo Hitler. He can find \$100,000 for propaganda, but does nothing for the unemployed. Stick to your guns.—Disgusted Social Creditor.

CALGARY: Is it not about time this man Aberhart was compelled to disclose his Social Credit plan or confess in the legislature that he has no such plan?

EDMONTON: During your last two broadcasts it seemed that someone was deliberately broadcasting static. I am led to think that because there was no static before you started to speak and as soon as you had finished the static finished too. (Ed. note: Perhaps the "static" was only Bro. Aberhart laughing over our queer name. However, we shall arrange to check up on the matter.)

ROCKY MTN. HOUSE: . . . Like many others, I'm afraid I have been afflicted with mental indolence. In my case perhaps my age (73) is chiefly responsible. During the past year I have noticed a growing indifference to the passage of events; but the knowledge that men of initiative and courage are marshalling their resources to defeat Aberhartism stimulates my flagging energies. . . . I am struggling to support five on a pension of \$59.38 per month and the interest on \$5,000 of Alberta bonds. The arbitrary and shameless cutting of the interest 50 percent was a sad blow to me and my family. . . . Moral courage is at a low ebb in Alberta. Many people here are actually afraid to give expression to their true views. . . . I would impeach Aberhart because he won power by offering the most bare-faced bribe ever pulled off in any nation. I would drag him off his pedestal because he prostituted the pulpit for worldly ends. I would ask him if he had any decency in his makeup to step down and out and stay out for having destroyed the credit of our country. . . . We gave Alberta our life's savings, intent upon making wise provision for our dear ones, and now because a preacher premier considers a sacred contract a "foolish concept of contractual obligations," our little dependents must cry for bread. I accuse our premier of undermining the morals of our people. . . . There is a preacher in the U.S.A. who says he is God, and thousands believe in him. Every age has had its imposters who deluded sane people for a time, but their success was short-lived. It will be so with Aberhart. . . . I would certainly enjoy putting you on the air every week at my own expense if I had the means. . . . Continue the good work in the assurance that you have many friends who are in fullest sympathy and admire you for your exemplary courage and high intelligence.

GLEICHEN: It is gratifying to know there is still somebody in our province who can speak his mind unflinchingly in regard to the affairs of government. Your charges are not at all overdrawn. . . . As far back as two years ago I wrote to the local paper with the object of drawing attention to an address by Dr. McEachern, broadcasted and subsequently printed. I furthermore tried in the fall of '36 to draw the attorney general's attention to what was going on in this immediate

district in the affairs of civil government, and that was promptly hushed up with very serious and disastrous consequences.

KIPP: I would like to see a showdown, one way or another, for it seems that all we are getting is lies and deception, with just a few favorites getting the cream. I certainly think the matter should be put to the people—as it would be, if the government were not quite sure they would lose out.

CADOGAN: I have often seen and read your paper. I got quite a kick out of it, but classed it as just another paper and was not very much interested. However, since hearing you on the radio, I am convinced you are right. Three subscriptions enclosed.

DAYS LAND: I wish I had a million dollars to put into this fight for liberty. I hope you can camp on that hypocrite's trail until he goes just as I believe it is written of him in Isaiah, 12.

ASHMONT: You are a prince and a God-send to Alberta. Will help all I can. Give Aberhart Hell.

CALGARY: Beginning with a falsehood, Aberhart has pyramided falsehood and deceit upon falsehood and deceit in his efforts to maintain his position. Hope my mite helps topple him from the apex of his own rotten structure. (Ed. note: You have it, Mister! Aberhart does not DARE tell the truth. He started out with a lie, and as we have tried to emphasize all along, he is under compulsion to try to cover one lie with yet another. He must plan and scheme on lying just as an honest man plans and schemes to avoid falsehood.)

GUNN: I can help but admire your courage. But to tell the truth, I am a coward and have not the courage to sing out like you do. I'm hanging by a thread on the top precipice and a word in the wrong direction would drop me into oblivion.

TIGER LILY: When we take our grievance in regard to roads up with the Hon. W. A. Fallow, his reply is that under the present program road location is left to the local M.L.A., the district engineer and the administrator or councillor. Our M.L.A., Mr. Bourcier, told a delegation that he would not go against the district engineer, and the engineer dictates to the administrator—so where are we? (Ed. note: Obviously, if you have no voice and are being dictated to, you are under a dictatorship.)

LAMONT: Your broadcast hit me exactly right. The government is doing nothing but increasing taxation on farmers and finding jobs for Social Creditors. You should hit at him through the large school unit plan. Even Social Creditors don't like it.

ETZIKOM: We, the undersigned, do hereby demand most emphatically that Premier Aberhart answer the charges made in the December and January issues of The Rebel. These charges must be cleared up on the floor of the Alberta Legislative Assembly. (21 signatures.)

LOVERNA: I believe in progressive government, but I was led by this fanatic just the same as the majority were in 1935. I saw the mistake in 1936.

QUEENSTOWN: I am in full accord with you that something should be done to remove Aberhart from office as unfit to hold the position he now enjoys.

CALLING LAKE: I admire your courageous stand in bringing to the attention of the people some of the fallacies of Bible Bill and his gang of racketeers.

RED DEER: I wish to see our Premier dismissed owing to the charges that are against him. He hasn't done anything but lead us up one back alley and down the other. He has deceived us.

BREMNER: The Social Credit government and Aberhart must resign, for they have failed in their mandate. The province must not suffer any longer in their incompetent and unreliable hands.

CALGARY: You must remember that the fear of boys is still alive in this province and some people are not quite free to say all they would wish. It is hard to believe that this sort of thing goes on in Canada, but we know that it is so.

JENNER: If he (Aberhart) is the kind of man the Rebel charges specify, then he is not the kind of man to head any government, not even Social Credit. That is what I said before the election.

BREMNER: I am writing this letter to register my disapproval of the Social Credit misgovernment and Aberhart's utter disregard of his promises and responsibility.

EDMONTON SOUTH: Freedom of speech, the press and religion is a very fine thing and is what we expect within our Empire; but for how much longer is that blasphemous ignoramus Eberhardt to be allowed to flaunt the law with his mixture of foul religion and putrid politics as broadcast on Sunday evenings.

DEWBERRY: Editor of Rebel The man with funny name Sir After listening to your last 4 broadcasts. I decided that you ought not to forget the saying "That fools rush in where Angels fear to tread." How dare you stand up in Calgary and try to flim flam the Canadian Public like you are trying to do. The persons that wrote your speech are having a big laugh, as you can scarcely read your address much less write it. You sure help our Beloved Premier in a lot of ways, and if he has stepped on your toes, all I can say is "more power, to his Elbow." "Funny name" is putting it mild. Do you ever follow the Police Records to see all the funny names there are in Our Police Records. Some get in one kind of trouble & end in Police Court others rush to Radio to vent their ignorant spleen. Of course if we put you in the hands of the Police we the Tax payers would have to feed you, but putting all jokes aside you should be sent to a concentration Camp, so you would do no bodily harm to yourself nor any one else. Where you came from the Government employees are not allowed to use a Bible at least that is

the conclusion I have come to from your ungrammatical speech.—Why did you not go after Mr. R. B. Bennet when he used the Bible on his last address? Because you would not dare try your tricks on him, he would have had you suppressed so quick it would have made your empty head swim. Don't be ashamed to tell us where you were born? Don't be ashamed of your Country You are only jealous of Our Premier and you can't hide it. But be careful there is a law concerning "Slander over the Radio." & your speech comes under that clause, "funny name" You will likely crawl into your hole if we send Mr. Aberhart to Ottawa Look in your Mirror & see the funny face the funny name has. You don't need to beg for donations for your yellow rag as they are not coming, & if you care to you can let Shaw and Duggan read this in Edmonton. Who most likely are paying for your Broadcasts.—Mrs. A. E. CONNON. (Ed. note: We make an example of Mrs. Connon, because her letter is more or less typical of those received from Aberhart fanatics and illustrates better than we could do the awful moral disease from which they are suffering. Posing as "Christians," they do not, in their fanatical madness, scruple to utter the most uncharitable and anti-Christian sentiments, wilful lies and premeditated slanders. Is it worth-while trying to save such fools from their terrible folly?)

BARONS: Hats off to The Rebel. An election should be forced on the government by all possible means, because they have not only failed to make improvement, but by dictatorial power enforce untold hardship on the taxpayers. Here is how they do some of it. On May 20, 1938, one of the trustees for the enlarged school districts, R. W. Clow, and a school inspector, Owen Williams, called a meeting of ratepayers at Barrhill school, giving plans, etc., for moving the school buildings. To this a great majority of the ratepayers were opposed, and among many questions from the audience regarding extra expenses, discrimination against some because of increased distances, etc., this question was asked: "Will the ratepayers have a chance to vote on the proposed plans?" The answer from both officials was "No." To thus disfranchise citizens and by gangster power confiscate, move and demolish property co-operatively acquired, owned and paid for by them, could such action by the government be called democratic? What could be done to stave off further proceedings of this nature against the consent of the people, at least till after an election? School trustees are no longer elected by the people, but hand-picked by the government. In nine districts where there formerly were 27 elected trustees, drawing no remuneration, there is now ONE, a non-ratepayer, paid by the government for the gangster acts performed; and to defray such extra expenses, the government have raised the school taxes nearly 100 percent. An election could not come too soon.—August Johnson. (Ed. note: We are not so much concerned or worried over the idea of large school units as with the dictatorial methods employed to establish them. This in itself, however is not our greatest fear. Our real fear is as to what will be done AFTER the government has gained complete control. Mark our words, citizens of Alberta, unless you throw the Aberhart government out of power very, very soon, even our schools and entire educational system will be compelled to serve as instruments of propaganda for the gangsters now in office. As to what can be done to halt them, there is only one legal way—the ballot. We have suggested a perfect plan for forcing an election, but it would seem that the majority of the people have not yet been insulted enough to drive them into wielding the power they still have left to protect themselves.)

ROSELEA: Am with you as far as our Premier and his government are concerned, but you seem to have more faith than I have in the M.L.A.'s, at least while there is another \$2,000 in sight. . . . What of the future? Where do you stand—on the side of Christianity, or is it back of the arms of the devil and his masterpiece, the capitalistic system, upheld by the Conservatives and Liberals and also by this new Unity league? . . . Yours for a C.C.F. government. (Answer: We stand, first, for HONESTY in public affairs, regardless of party. We condemn with all our soul the many vicious evils of the capitalistic system. But we do not, as you imply you do, regard Socialism as "Christianity." That is the claim made by Aberhart for his fraud, and when socialists make the same claim for their political doctrines, they are committing the same crime. There is no such thing as a Divine political system, and the sooner political parties acquire the courage to present their doctrines on their own merits, the sooner shall we be able to come to grips with realities. It is our conviction that it is not systems that are rotten, per se, but that rotten people abuse systems; and that is true under Socialism or Social Credit or any other system. As for the C.C.F., we disagree entirely with the super-radical element within it; but we are not afraid of it, because the movement has some good leaders, men with common sense, rational, realistic and honest.)

DELIA: After reading D. M. Duggan's speech in the Calgary Herald where he said it was good to see enlarged school districts established, much as I would like to see Aberhart removed, yet if we must put up with tyranny in this province, it is as palatable from him as any other. Do you think the people will support unity if this is the kind of gang it beds down with? (Answer: Our view in regard to the school matter is expressed elsewhere in the Mail Bag.)

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